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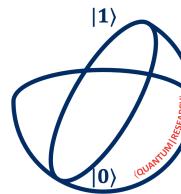
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13:30 – 14:30	Tutorial: Introduction to Quantum Computing	Realisability	Quantum Programming Languages	Quantitative Types	
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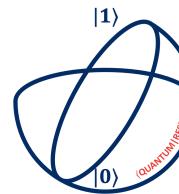
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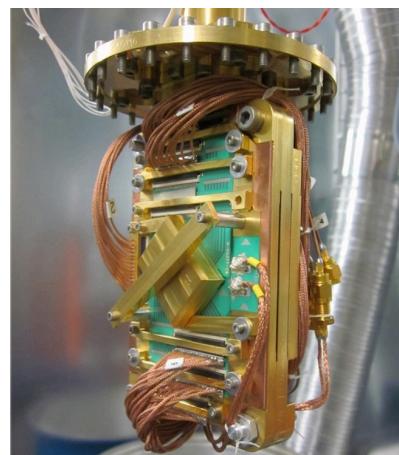
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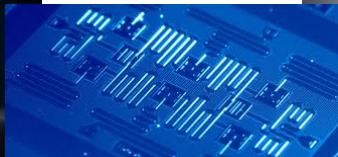
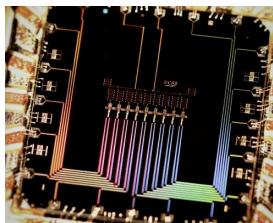
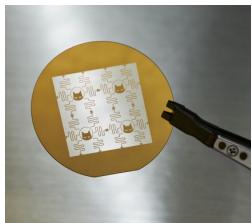
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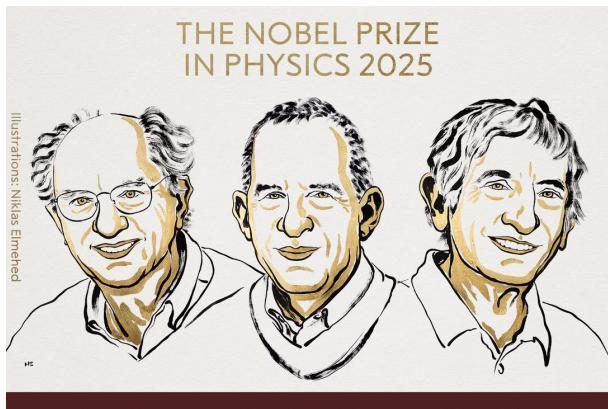
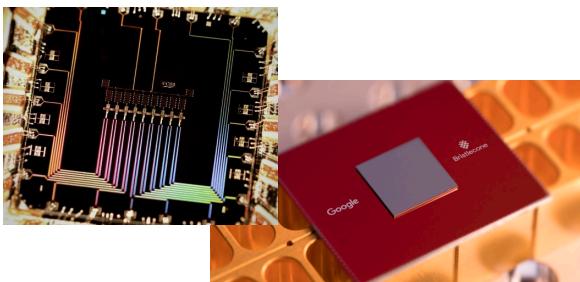
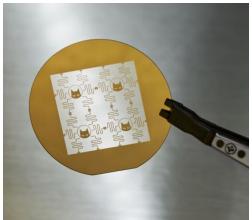
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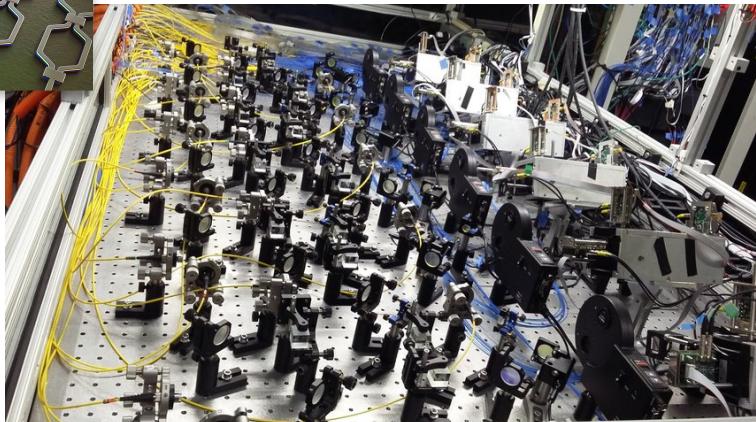
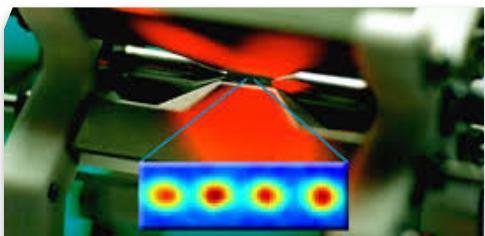
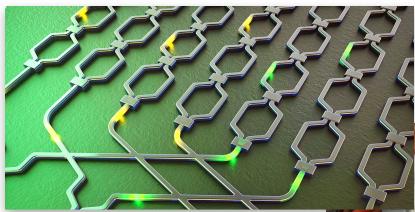
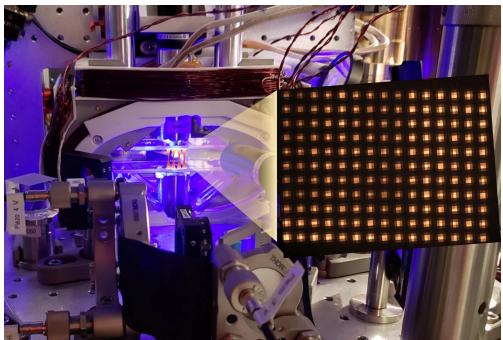
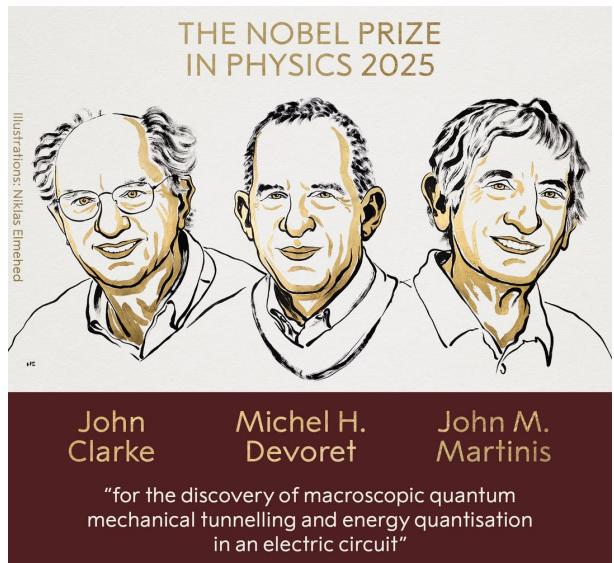
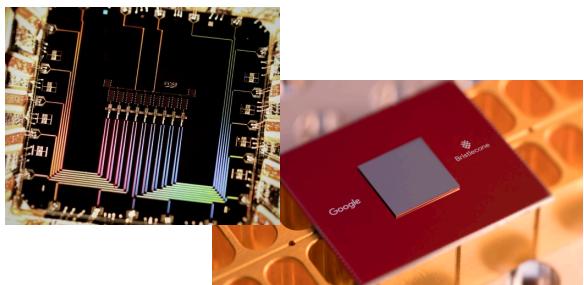
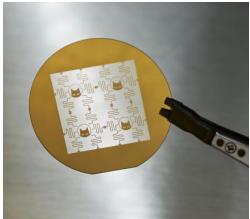
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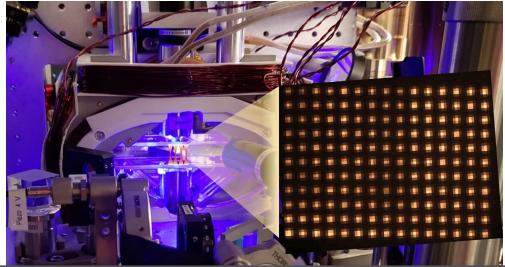
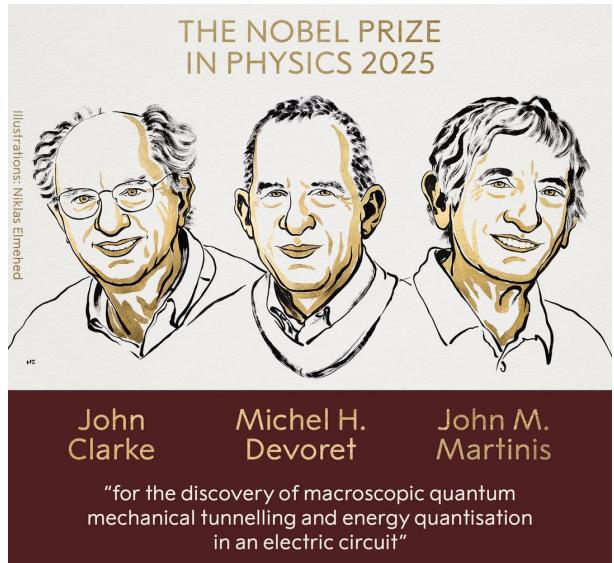
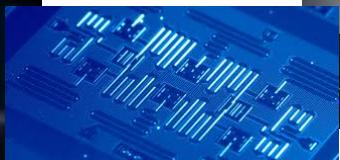
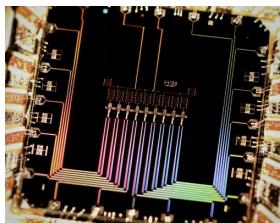
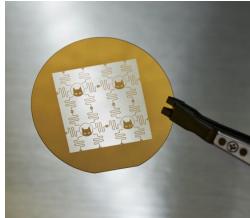
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"for the discovery of macroscopic quantum mechanical tunnelling and energy quantisation in an electric circuit"

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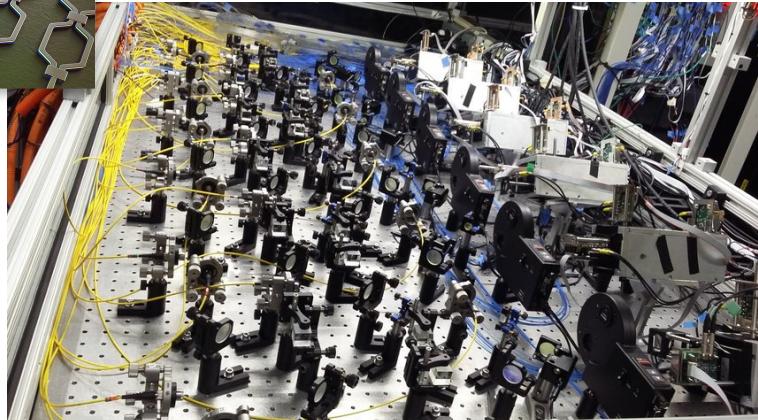
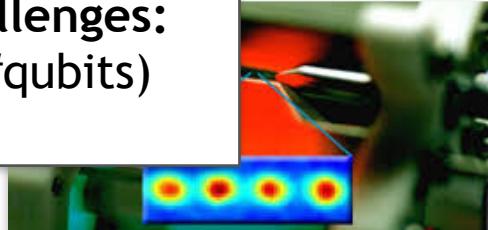
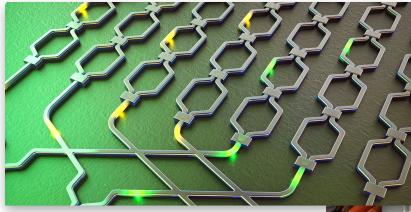


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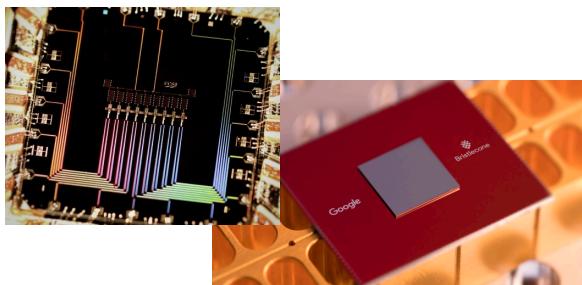
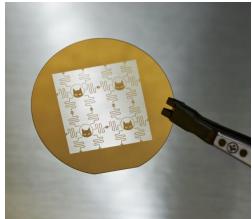


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- size of the memory (#qubits)
- quality of the qubits.



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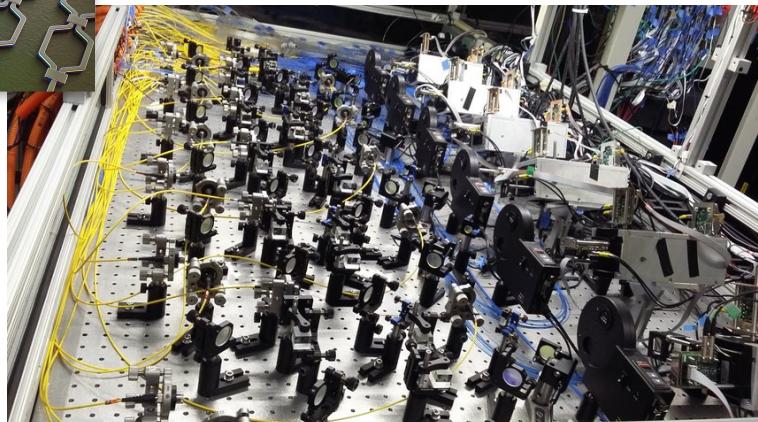
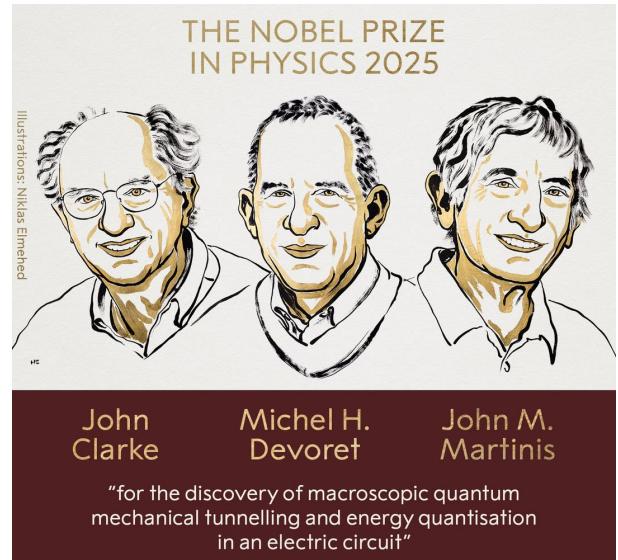
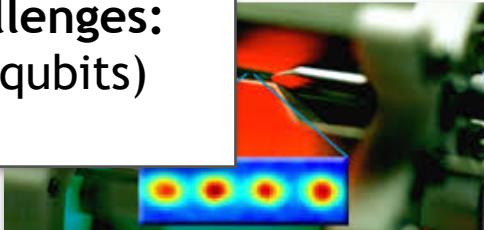


2002:	5 qubits
2008:	10 qubits
2015:	16 qubits
2018:	49 qubits
2020:	72 qubits
2025:	~1000 qubits

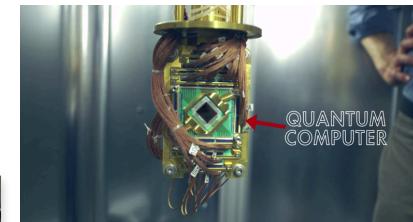
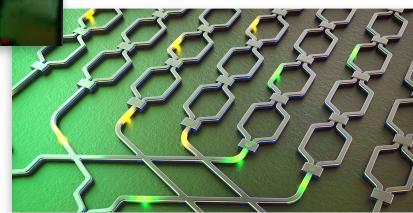
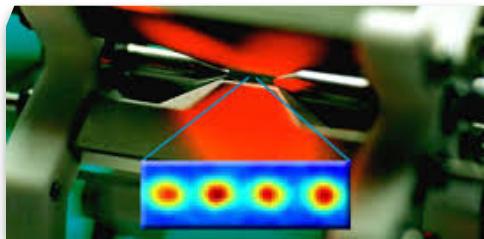
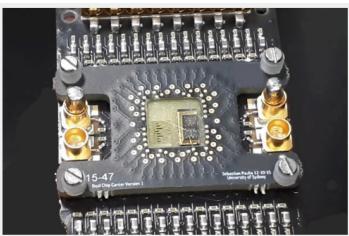
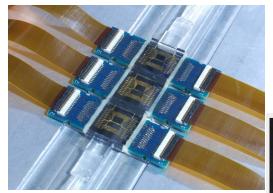
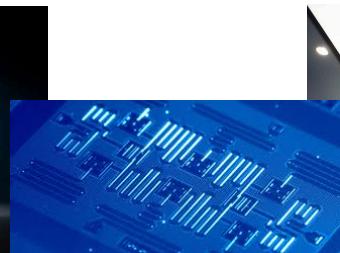
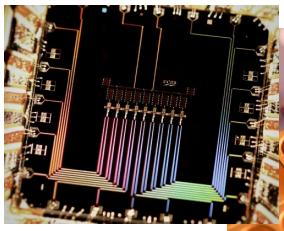


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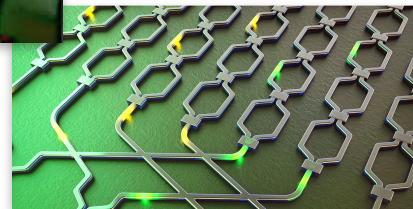
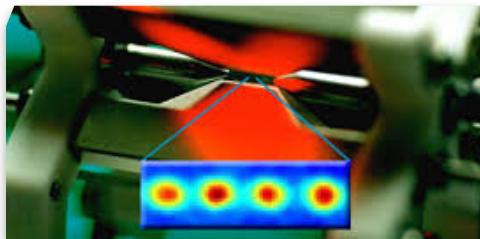
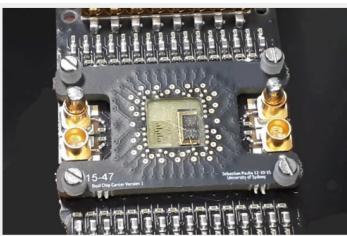
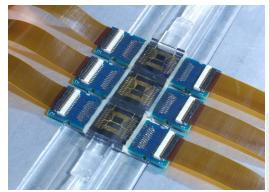
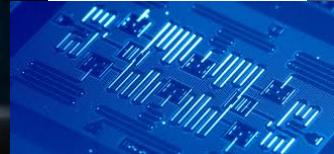
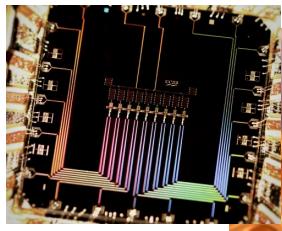
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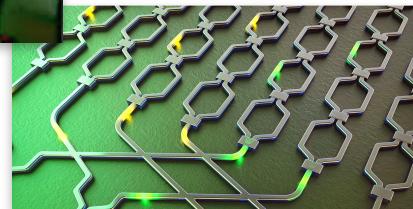
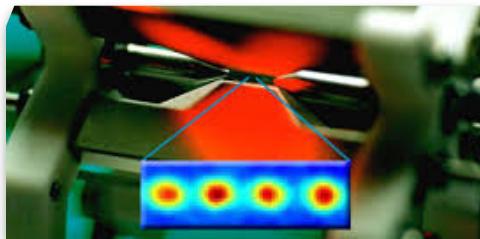
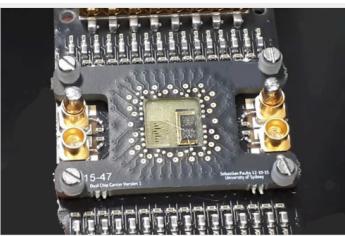
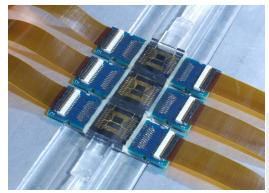
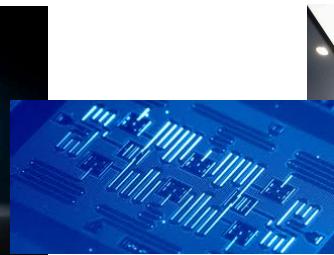
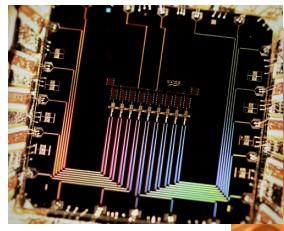


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Towards Fault-Tolerant QC

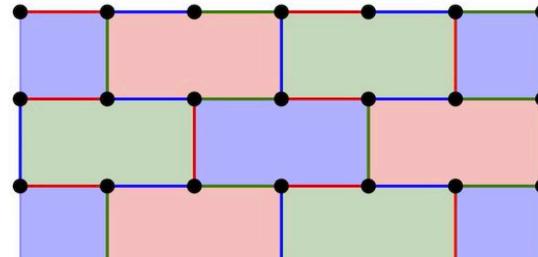
- Quantum error correcting codes
- Threshold Theorem: correcting errors faster than they are created.



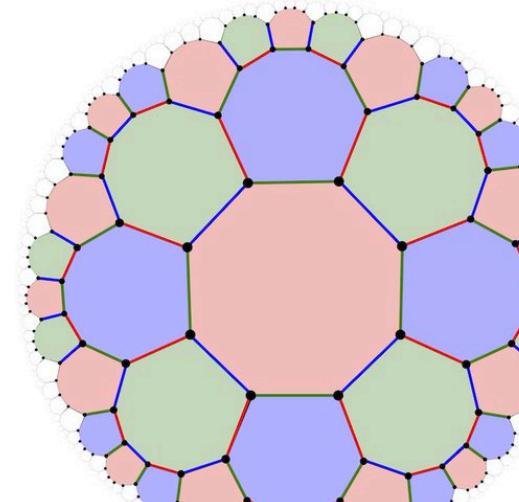
Physics: improve quality of
the quantum memory

CS: develop codes
with smaller threshold

Hyperbolic Floquet code



Toric honeycomb code



Factorisation of 2048-bit RSA integers

RSA-250 [edit]

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The factorisation of RSA-250 utilised approximately 2700 CPU core-years, using a 2.1 GHz Intel Xeon Gold 6130 CPU as a reference. The computation was performed with the Number Field Sieve algorithm, using the open source CADO-NFS software.

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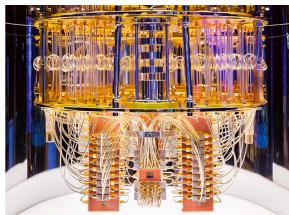
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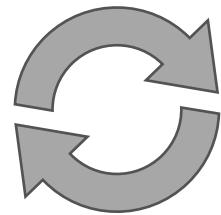
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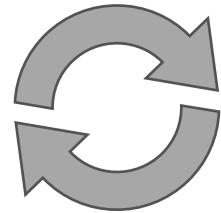


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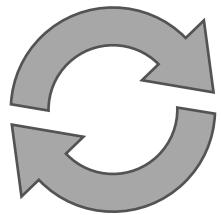
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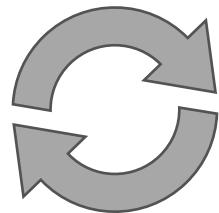
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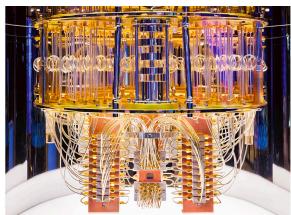
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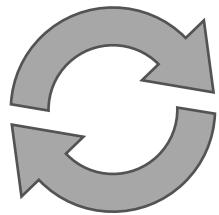
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Challenges in Quantum computing

Postulates i.e. standard quantum computational model.

1st Quantum Algorithm

Reasoning on Quantum Circuits

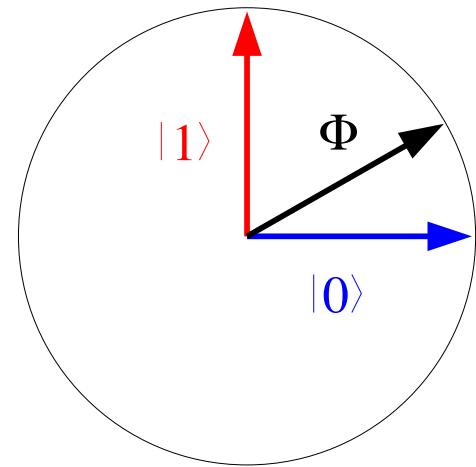
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Quantum states

- Classical bit: $b \in \{0, 1\}$
- Quantum bit (**qubit**): $\Phi \in \mathbb{C}^2$,

$$\Phi = \alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$$

with $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$



Examples:

$$|0\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + i|1\rangle)$$

Register of qubits

Definition. The state of a n -qubit register is a unit vector of \mathbb{C}^{2^n} .

$$\Phi = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} \alpha_x |x\rangle \text{ with } \|\Phi\|^2 = \sum_{x \in \{0,1\}^n} |\alpha_x|^2 = 1$$

Examples:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle - |01\rangle)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|00\rangle + i|01\rangle + |11\rangle)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$$

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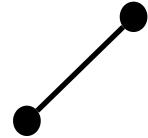
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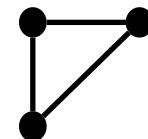
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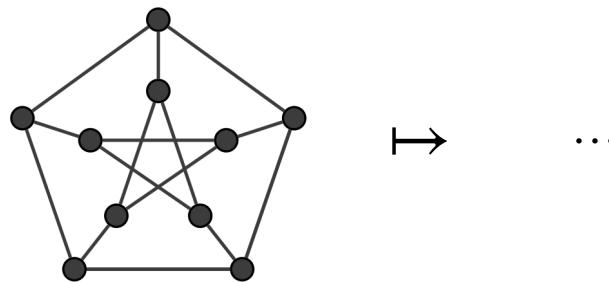
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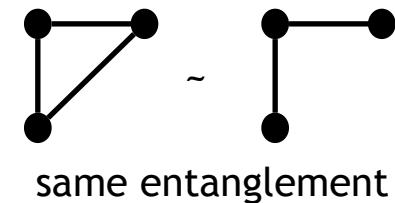
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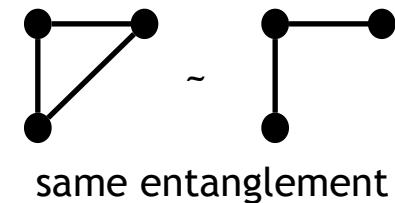


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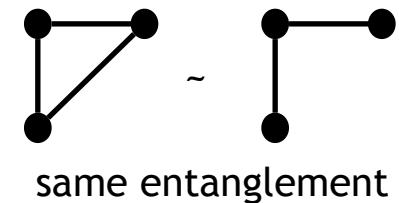
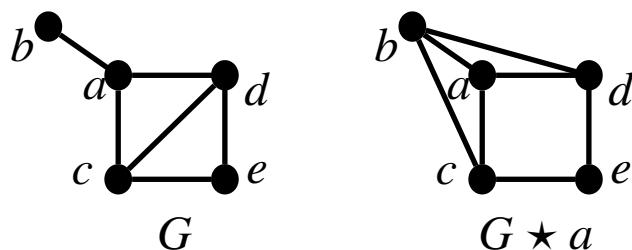


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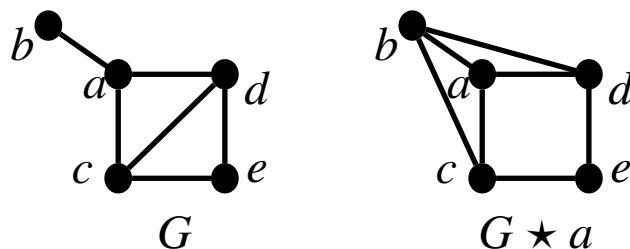
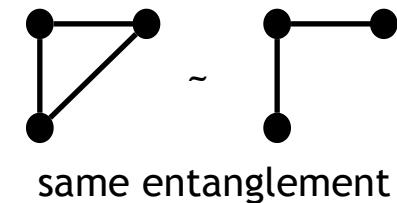


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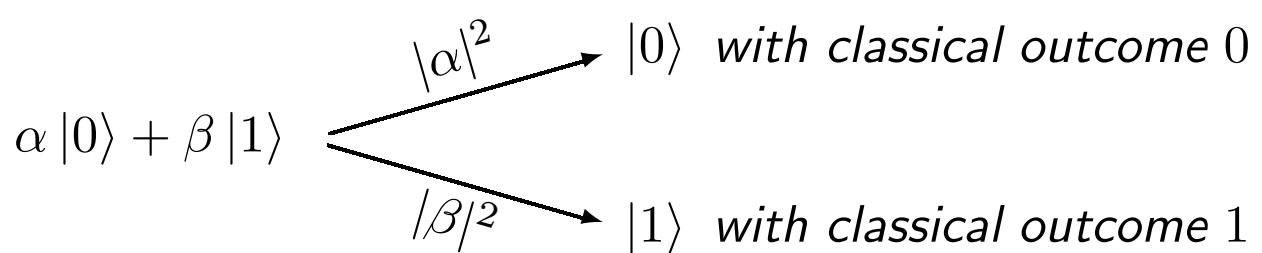
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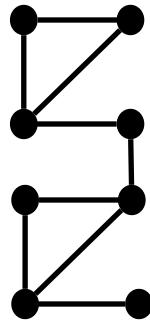


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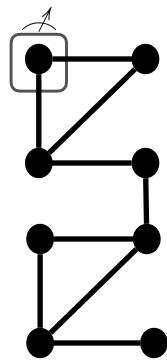
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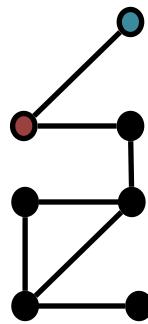
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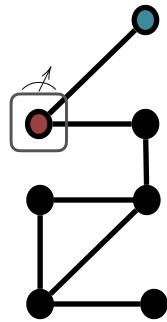
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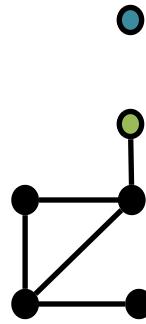
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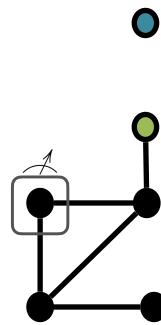
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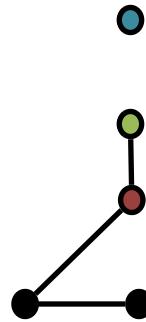
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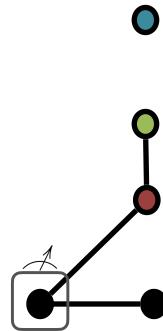
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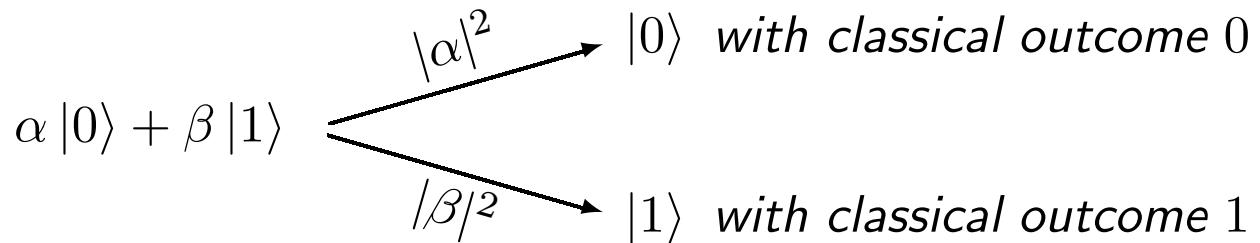


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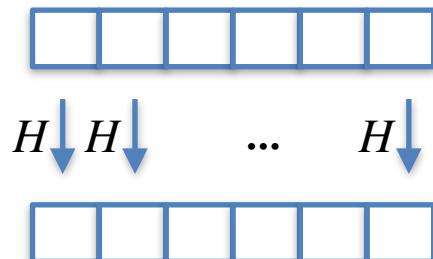
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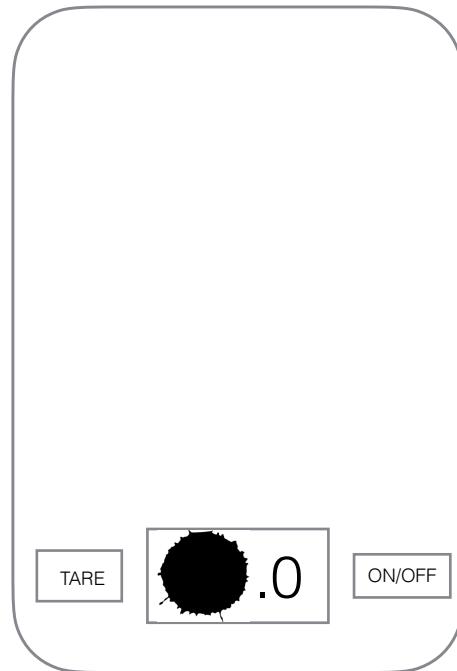
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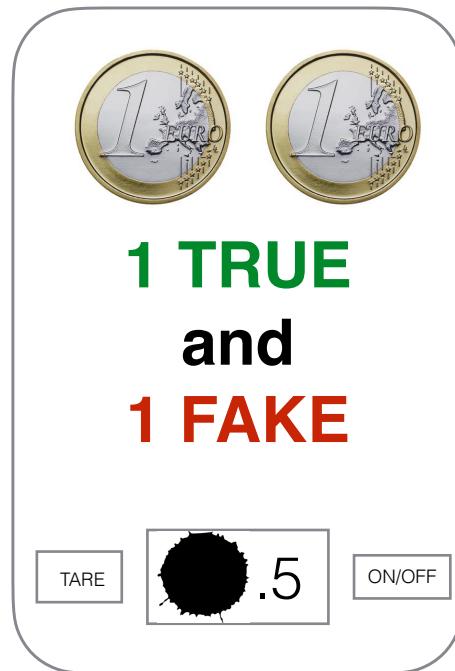
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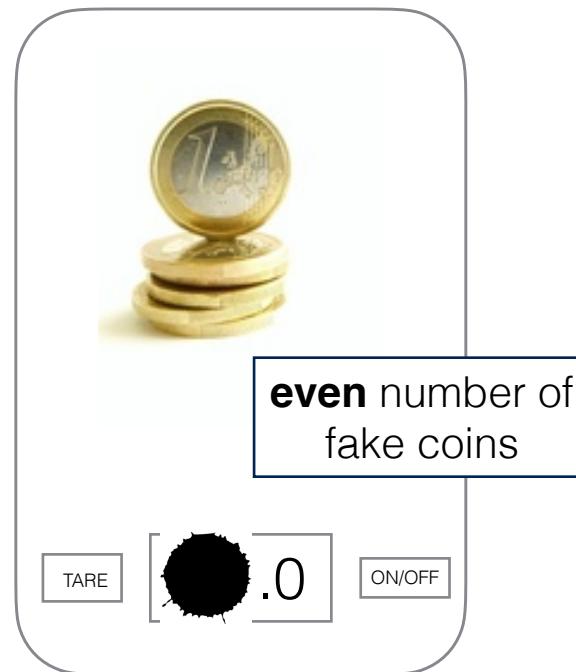
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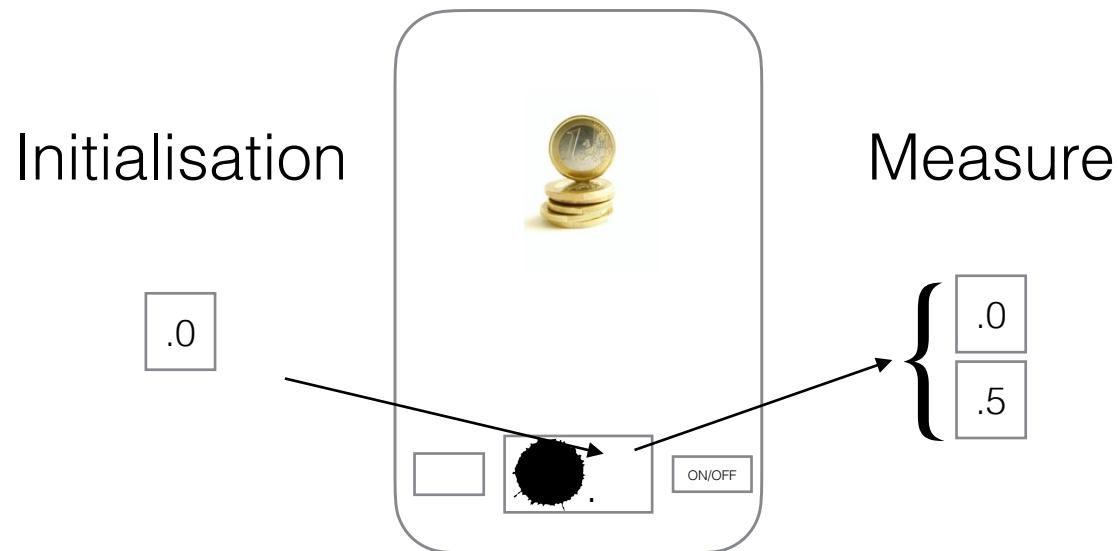
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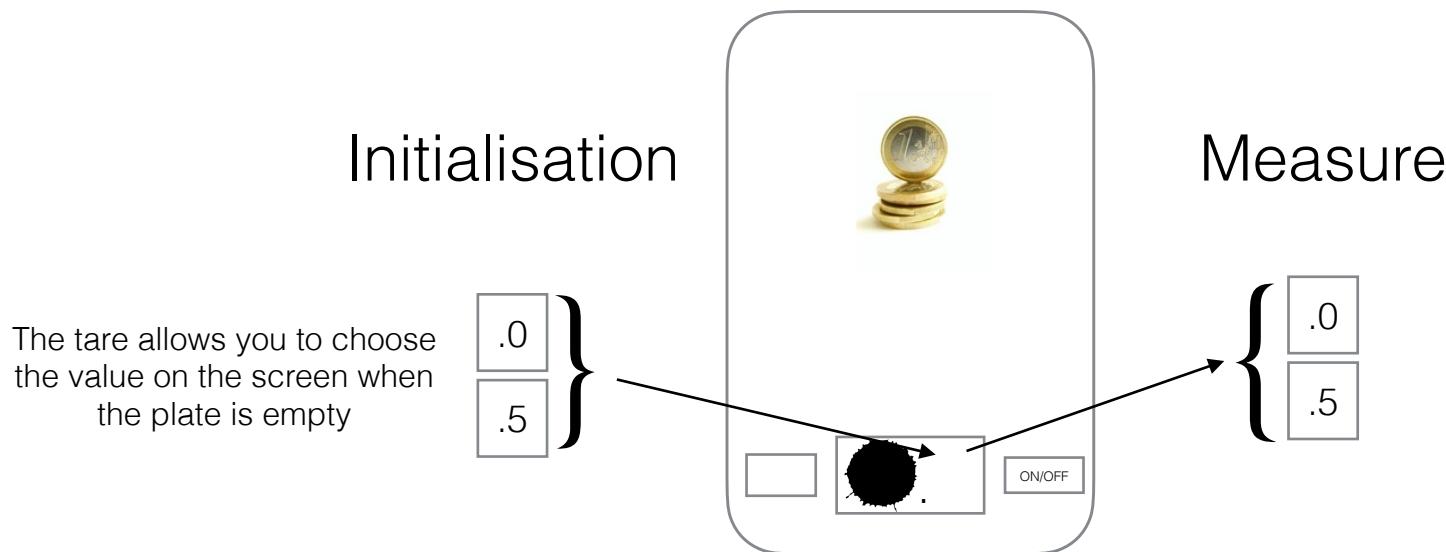
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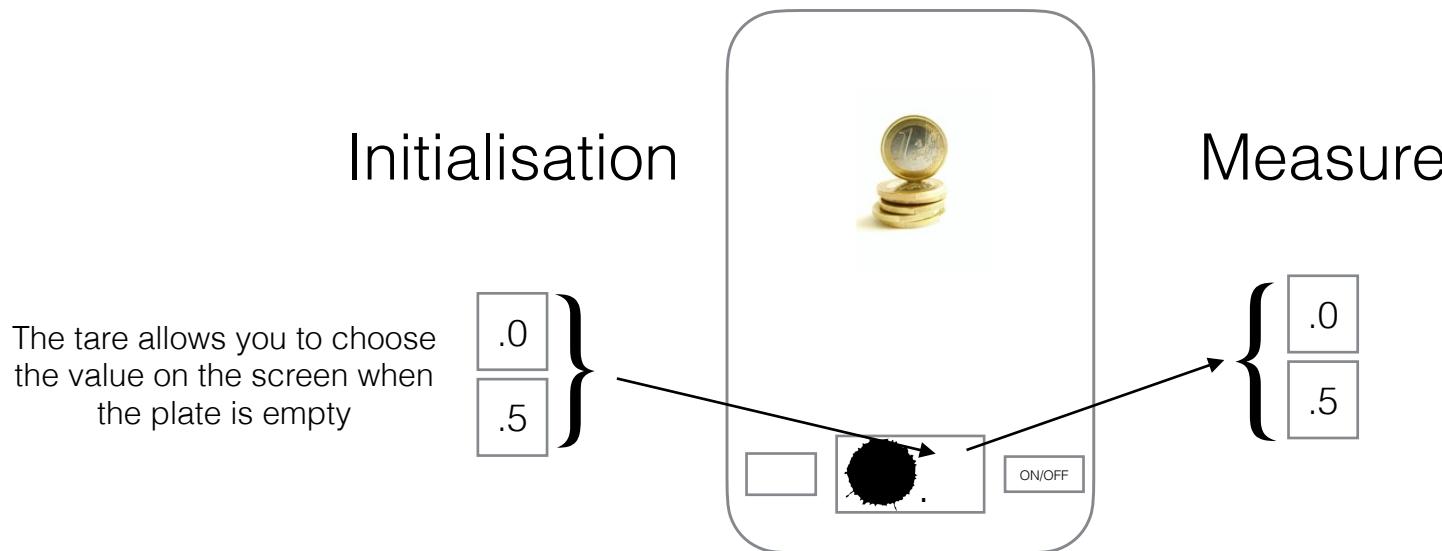
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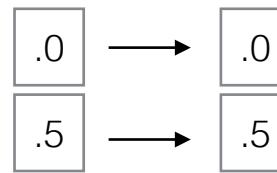
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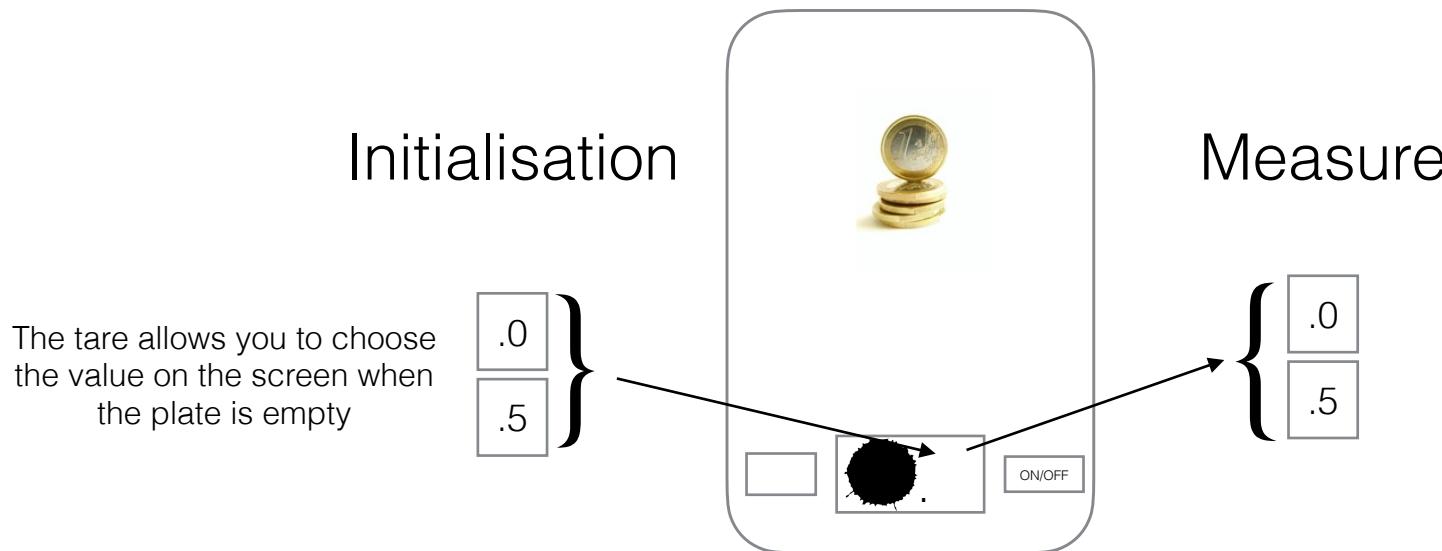
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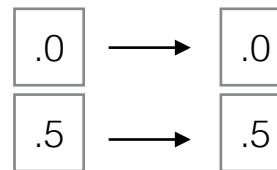


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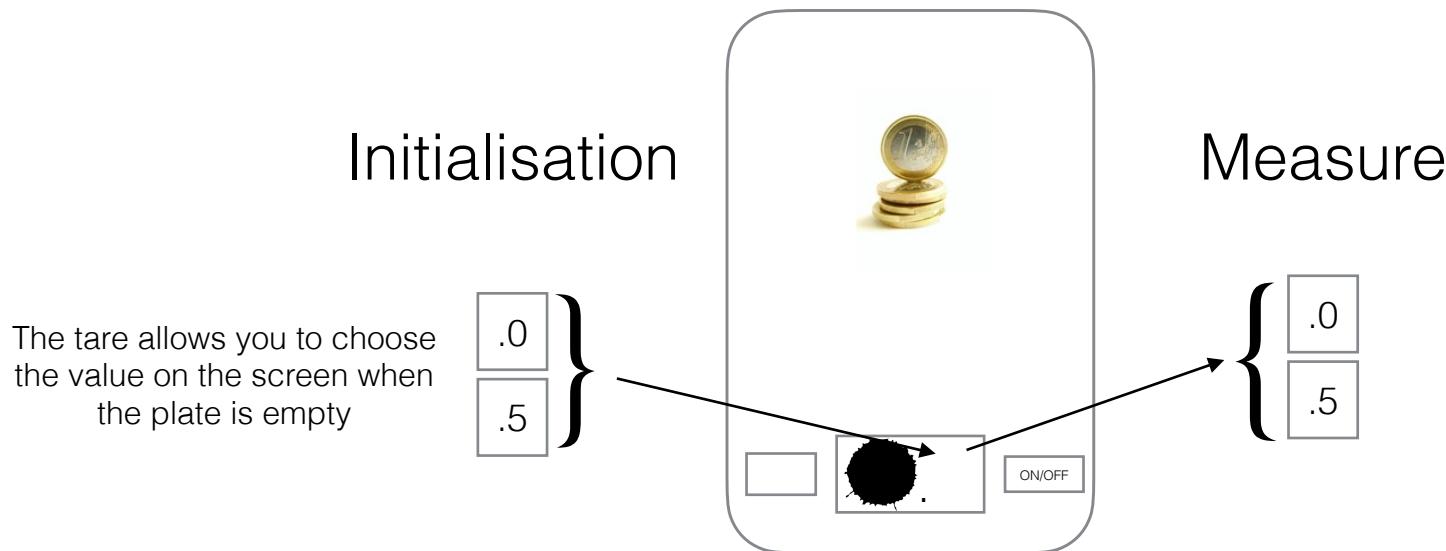


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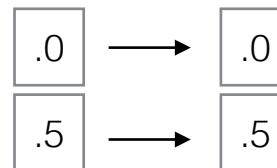


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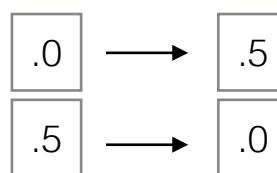


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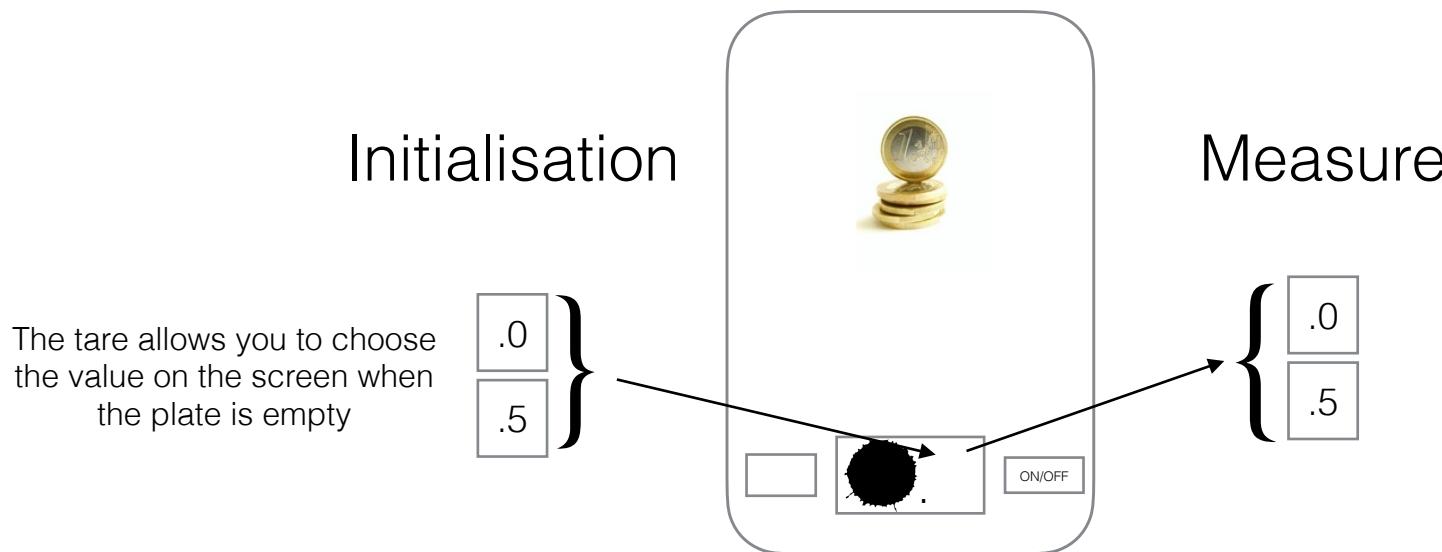
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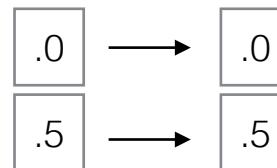


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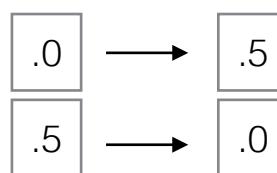
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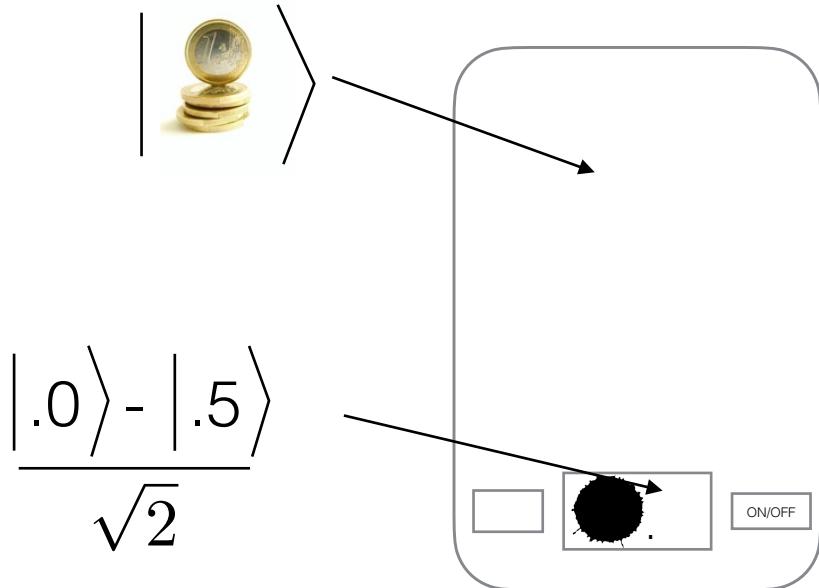
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Intuition:

- Need (at least) n bits to describe the solution (because 2^n possible answers).
- Each weighing gives a single bit of information ("0" or ".5")
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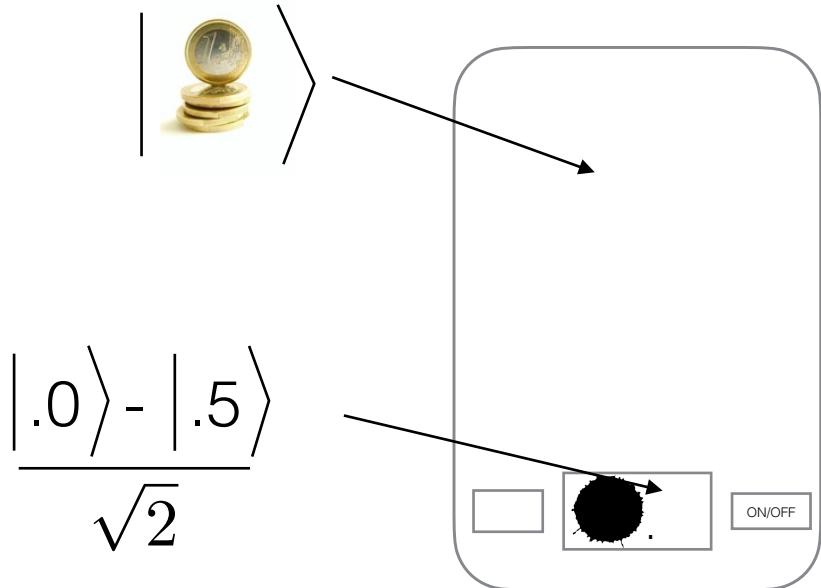


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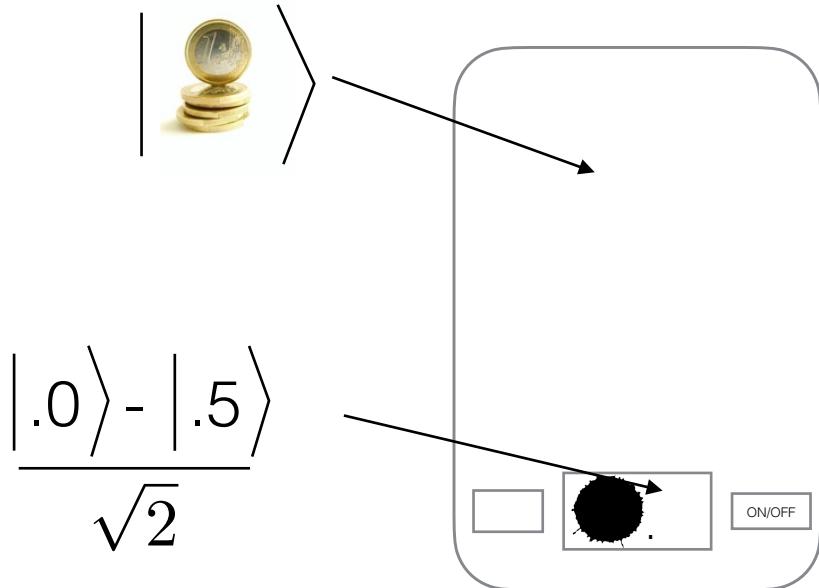


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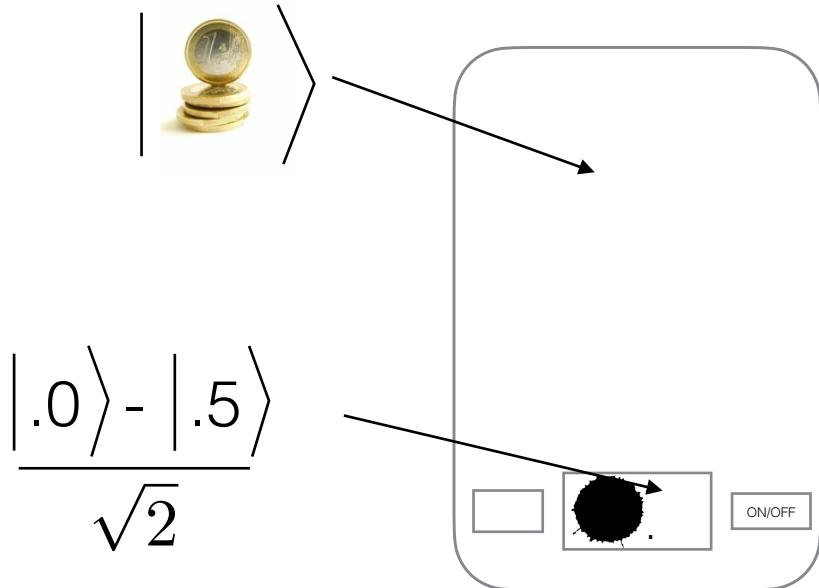


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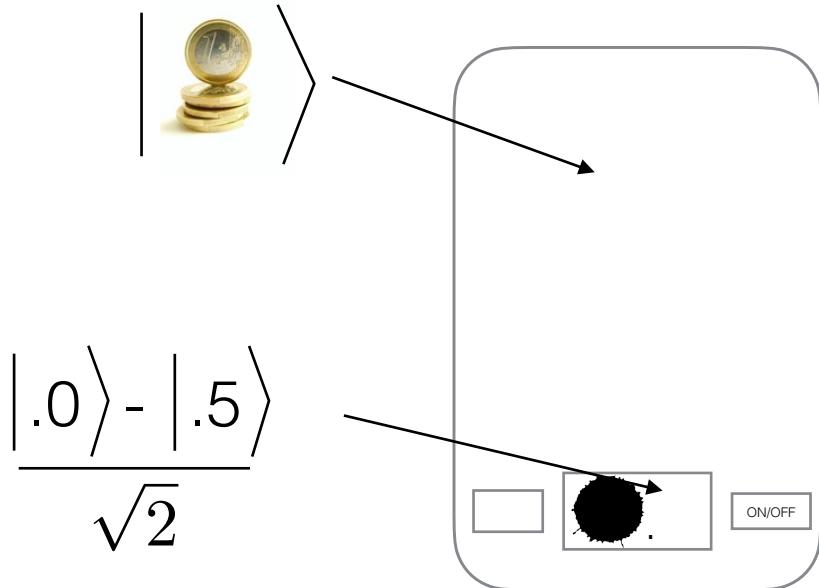
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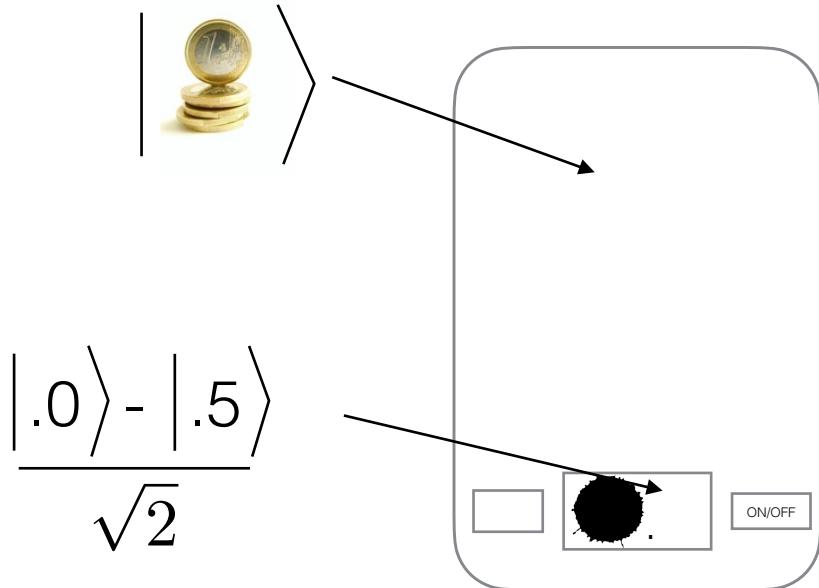
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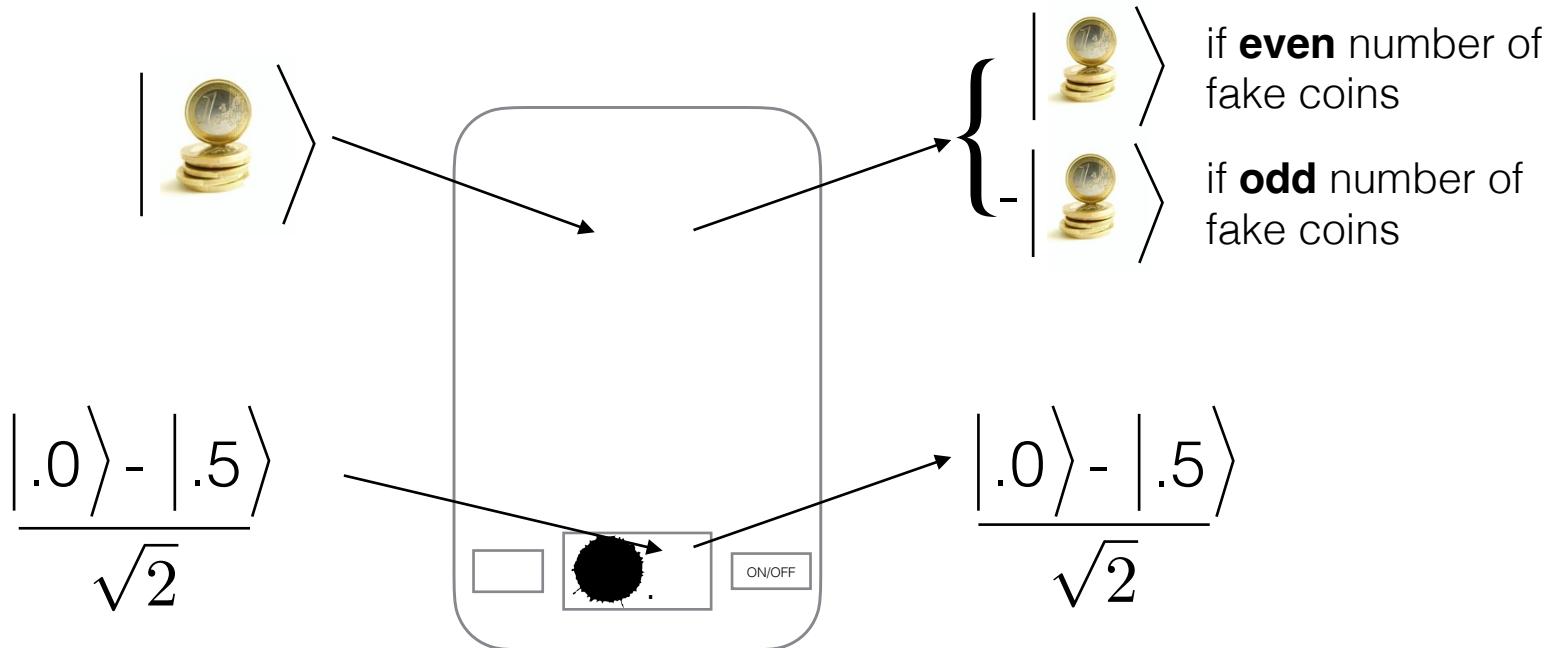
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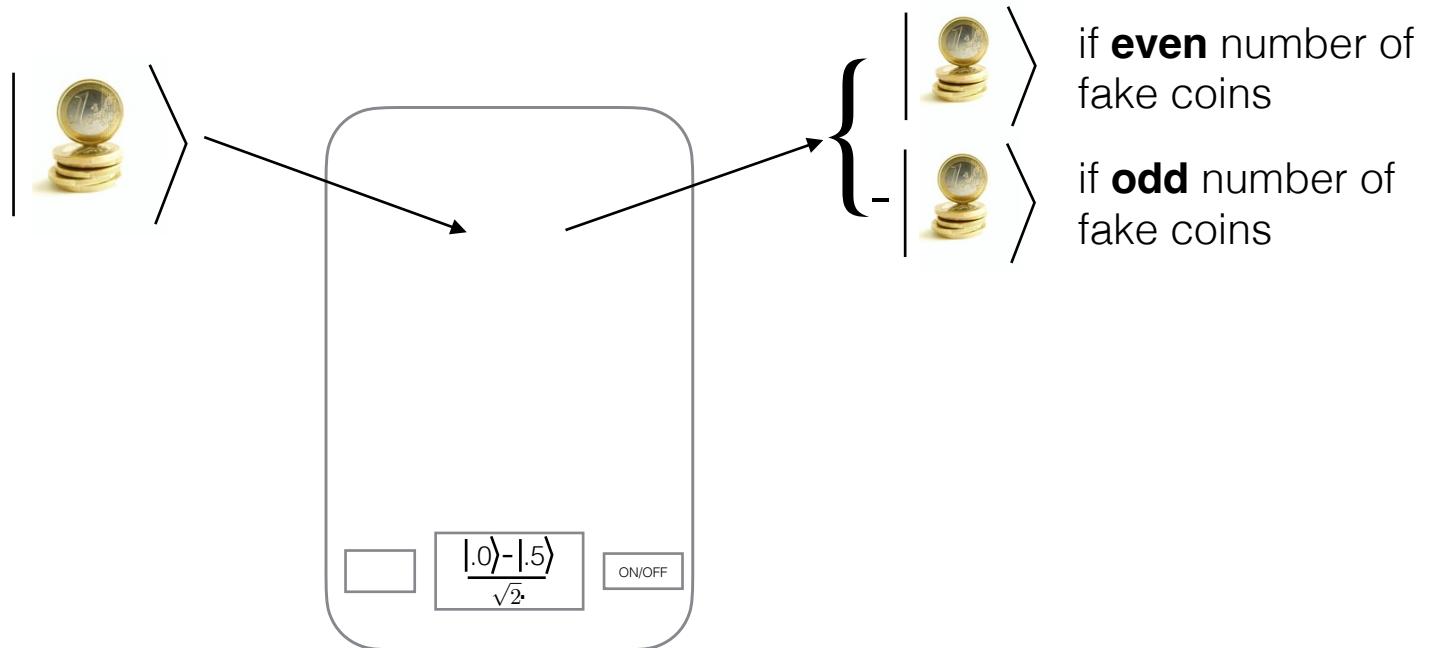
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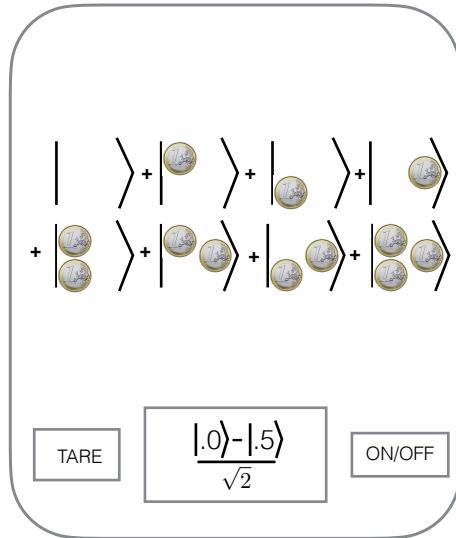
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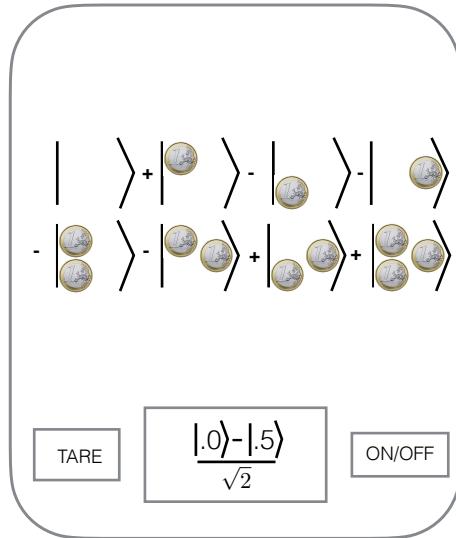
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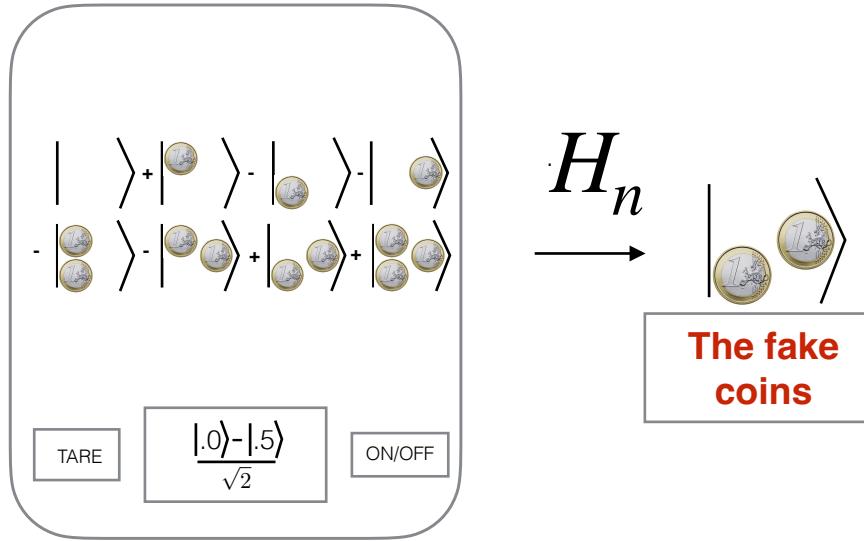
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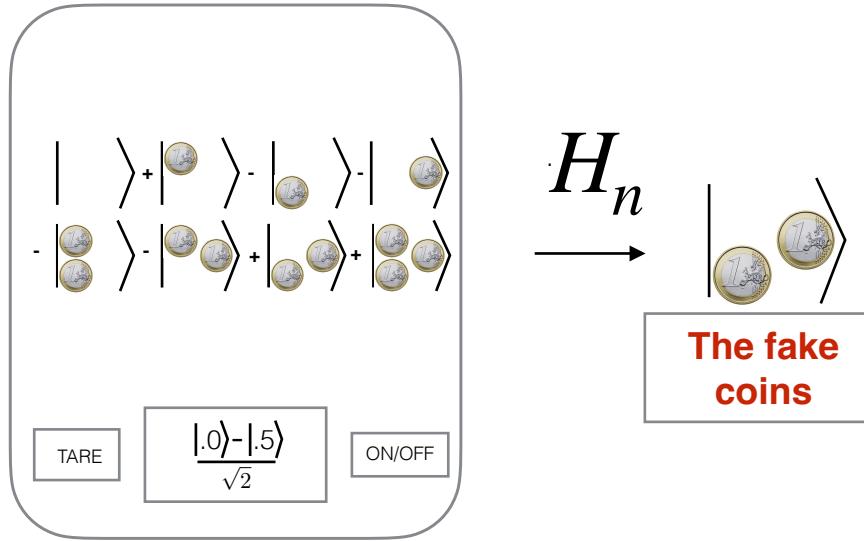
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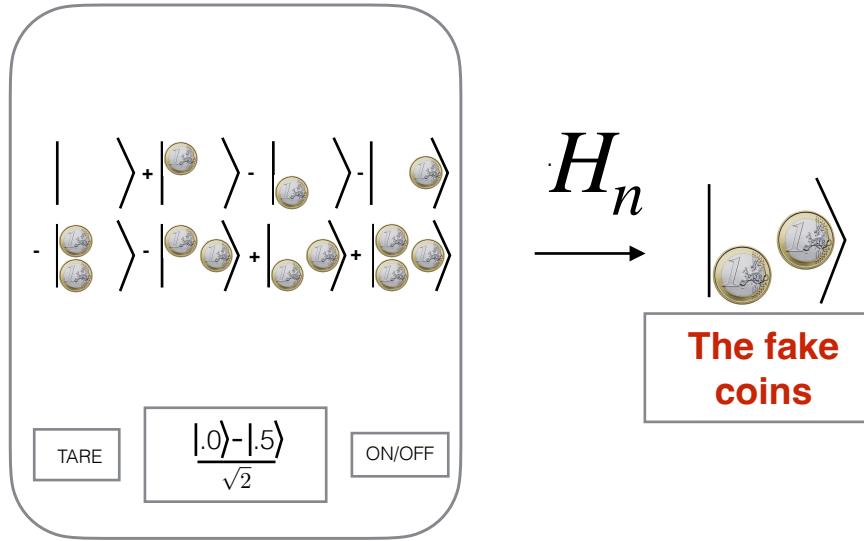
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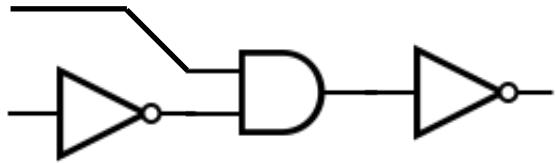
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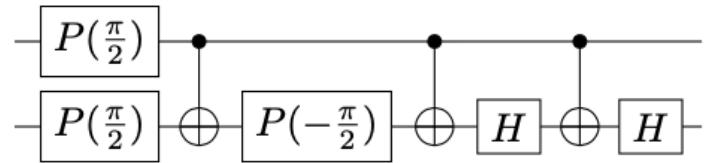
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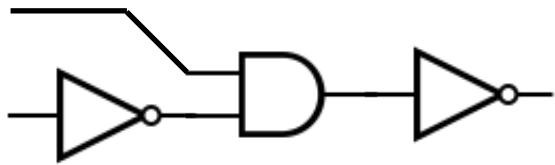


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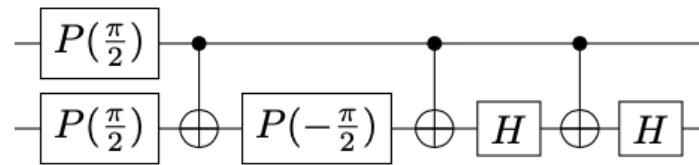


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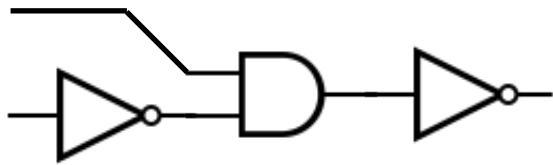
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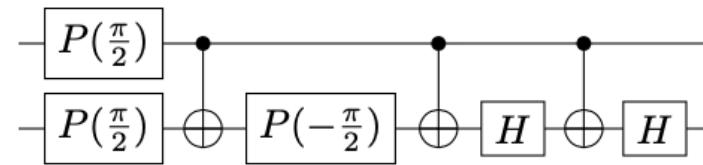
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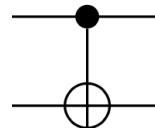
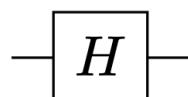
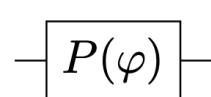


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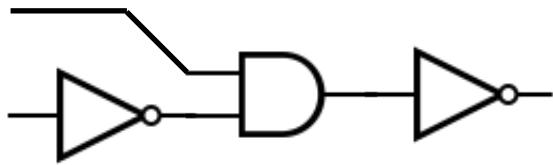
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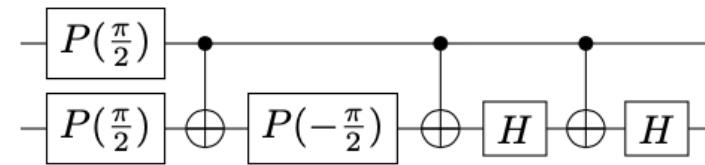


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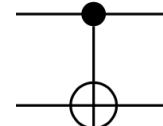
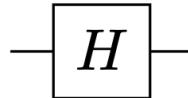
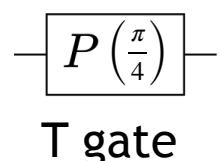


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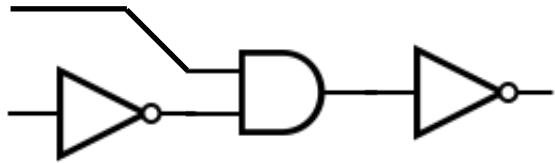
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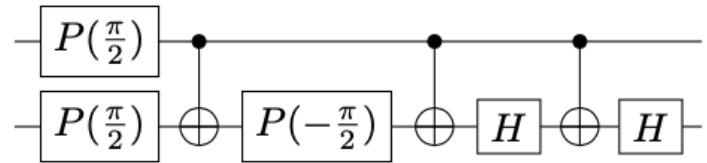


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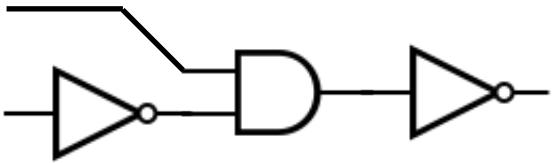


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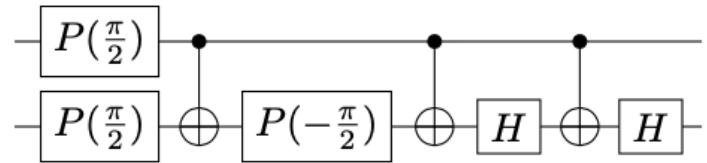
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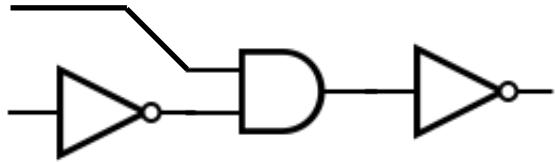
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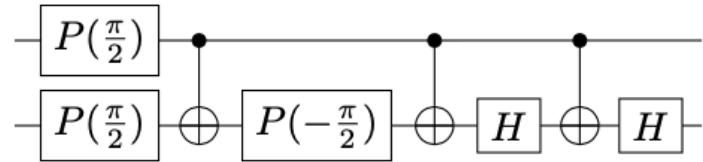
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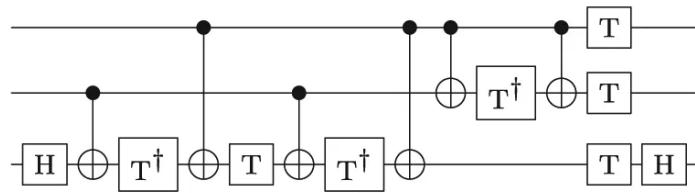
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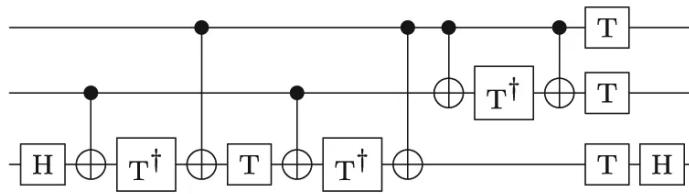
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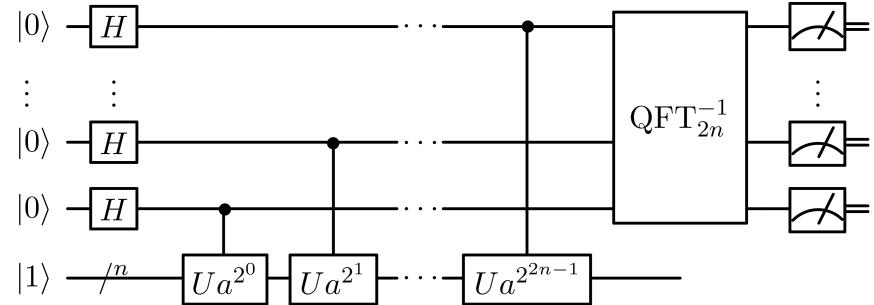


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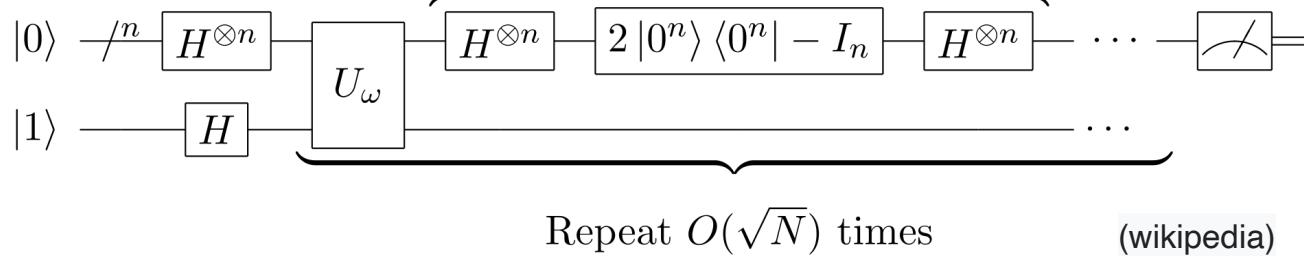
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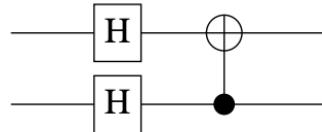
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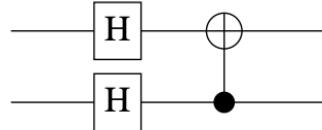
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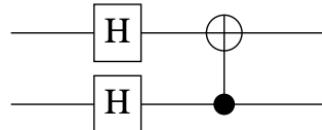
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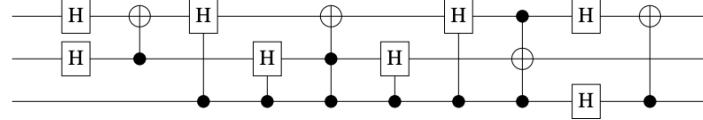
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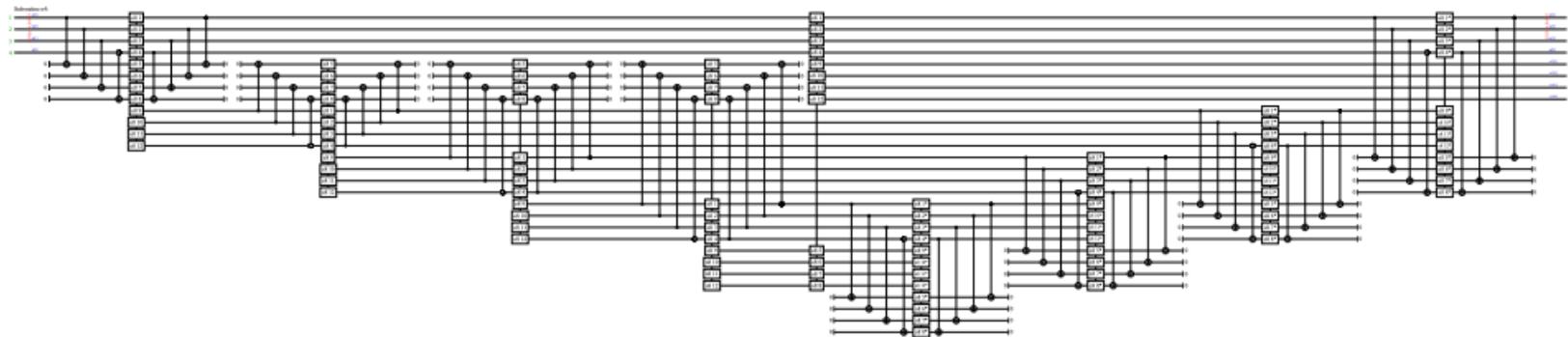
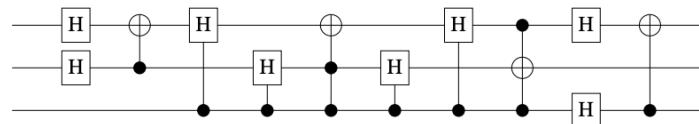


Figure 2. The circuit for o4_POW17

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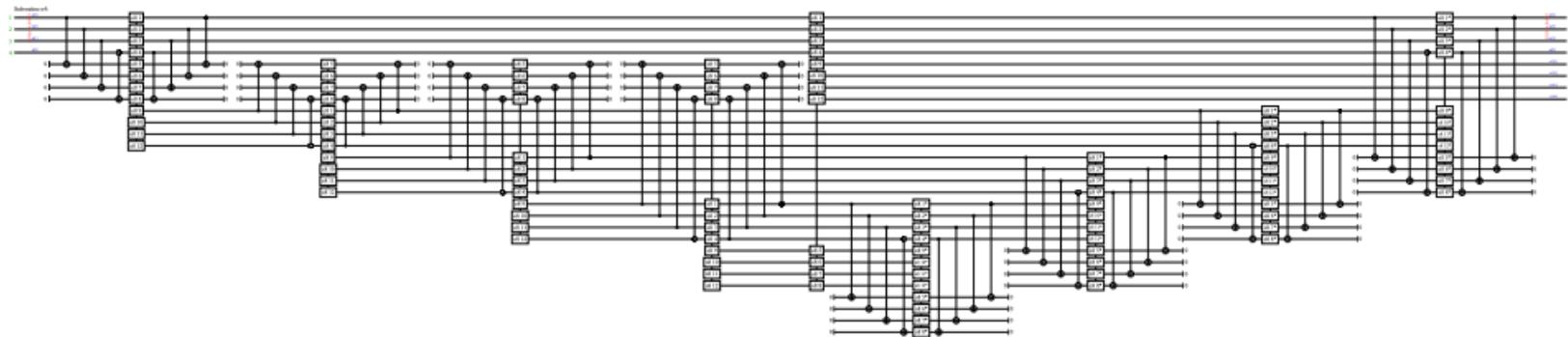


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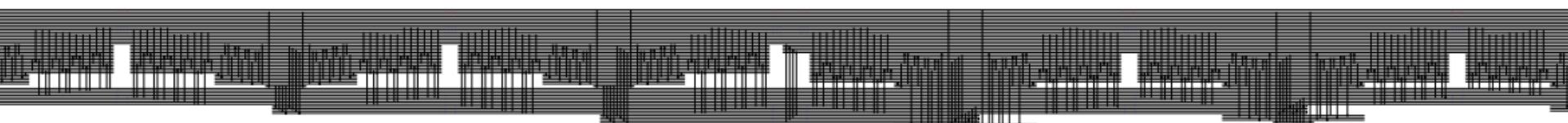


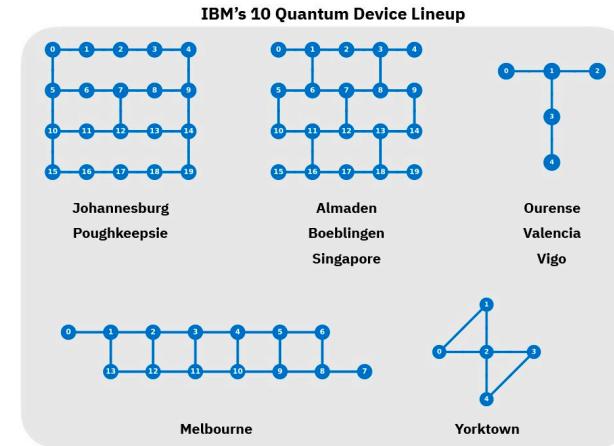
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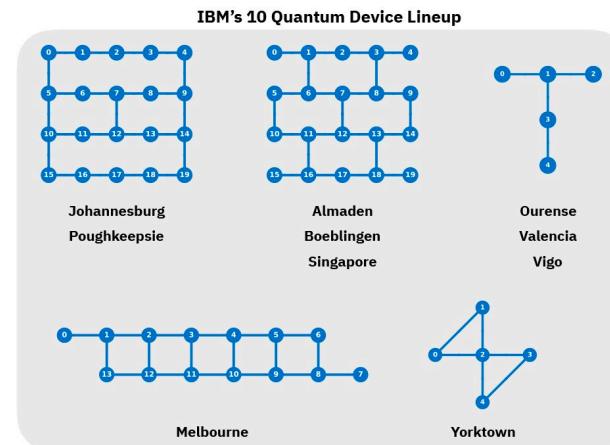
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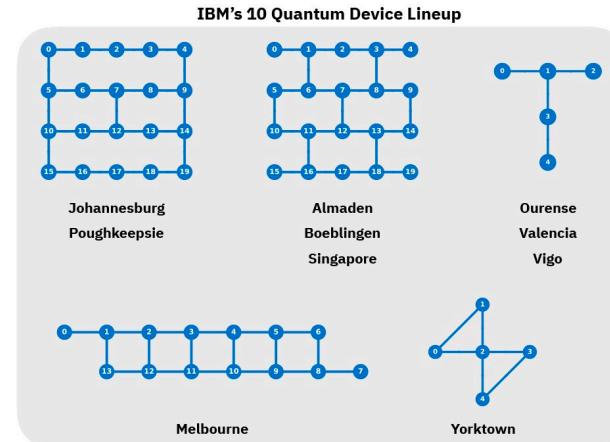
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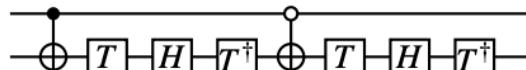
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Completeness

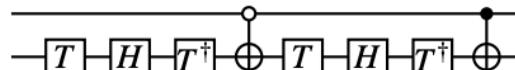
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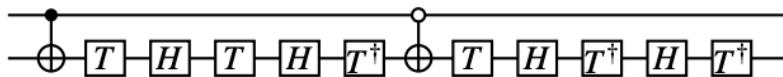
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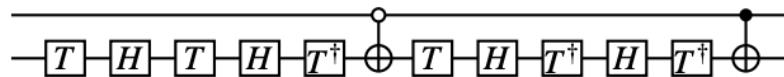
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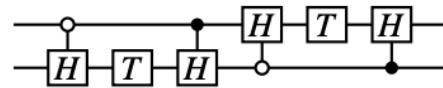
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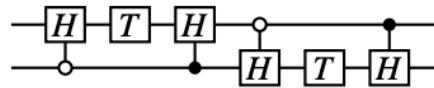
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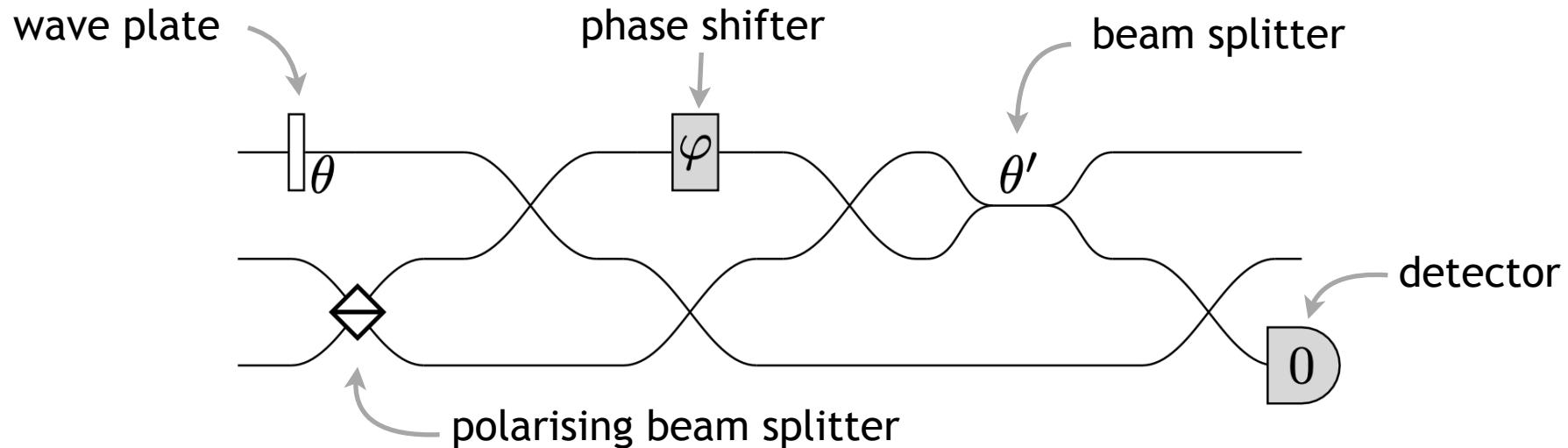
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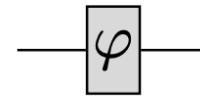
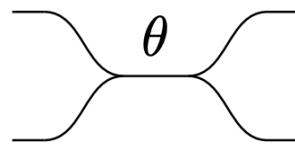
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The LOv-calculus



-> For this talk restriction to *beam splitters* and *phase shifters*:



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(A)

$$\text{_____} \quad \boxed{0} = \text{_____}$$

(B)

$$\text{_____} = \text{_____} \quad \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad \boxed{-\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

(C)

$$\gamma_1 \quad \gamma_2 \quad \gamma_3 \quad \gamma_4$$

=

$$\delta_1 \quad \delta_2 \quad \delta_3 \quad \delta_4 \quad \delta_5 \quad \delta_6 \quad \delta_7 \quad \delta_8 \quad \delta_9$$

(D)

$$\boxed{\varphi_1} \quad \boxed{\varphi_2} = \boxed{\varphi_1 + \varphi_2}$$

(E)

$$\boxed{\varphi} \quad \theta = \theta \quad \boxed{\varphi}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \alpha_1 \quad \alpha_2 \quad \alpha_3 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \beta_1 \quad \beta_2 \quad \beta_3 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \beta_4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

(F)

$$\begin{array}{c} \delta_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \delta_4 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \delta_3 \quad \delta_5 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \delta_7 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \delta_1 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \delta_6 \quad \delta_8 \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \delta_9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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- Complete for Optical circuits
- Implemented in Perceval



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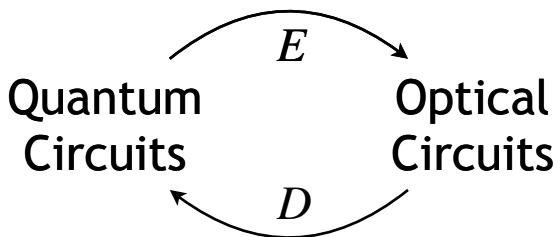
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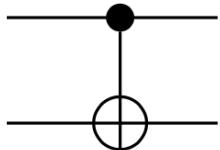
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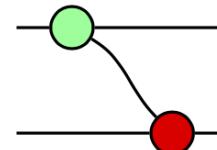
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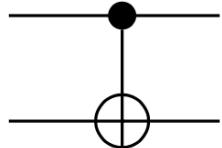
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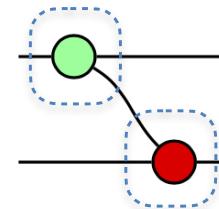
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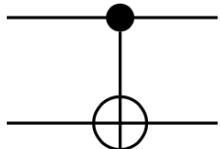
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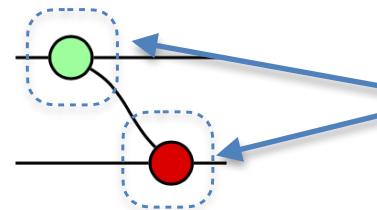
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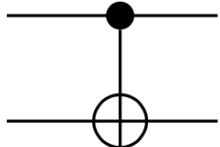
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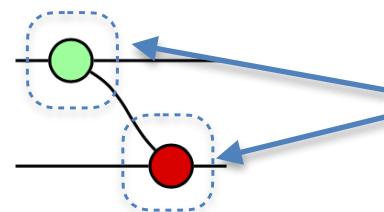
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(h)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array}$$

$(i1)$

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$(i2)$

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(π)

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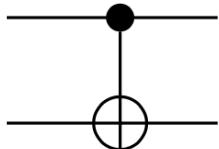
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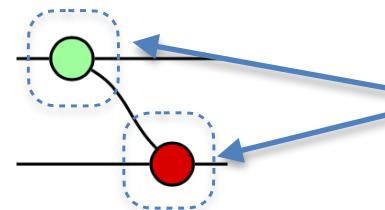
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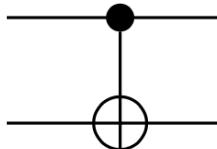
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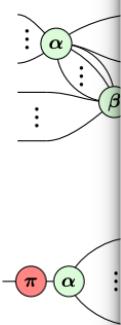
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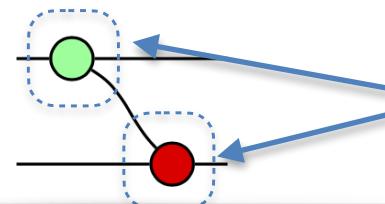
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